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SUBJ: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL: MALI

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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI HAS AT LAST DETERMINED THE SIZE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH ON MONDAY, JULY 31: THERE WILL BE EIGHT ON THE MALIAN SIDE AND SIX ON OURS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO OFFER US MORE PLACES, BUT THE TABLE IS TOO SMALL.
 2. WE PLAN TO INFORM MALIAN PROTOCOL THAT INVITATIONS SHOULD GO TO MISS LILLIAN, RICHARD HARDEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE, CONGRESSMAN WHALEN, CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINS, AND AMBASSADOR BYRNE. PLEASE CONFIRM BY IMMEDIATE CABLE THAT LIST IS CORRECT OR AMEND IT AS NECESSARY.
 3. MISS PORSON'S PRESENCE IS DESIRED AND REQUIRED, BUT SHE WILL UNFORTUNATELY HAVE TO SIT BEHIND.
 4. RICHARD SAUNDERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE PALACE
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- DINING-ROOM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LUNCH TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS. HE SHOULD THEN FADE OUT. ALL OTHER EVENTS ARE PUBLIC.
5. ON THE MALIAN SIDE THERE WILL BE THE VICE PRESIDENT (WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE) AND MRS. AMADOU BABA DIARRA; THE ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN

AFFAIRS (WHO IS MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION) AND MRS. YOUSSEF TRAORE; THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MRS. FAGNANAMA KONE; MRS. SIRA SISSOKO DIOP, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MALIAN WOMEN, AND HER SPOUSE, DR. MOCTAR DIOP, DIRECTOR OF GABRIEL TOURE HOSPITAL.

6. MOOSE BILATERALS: WE HAVE NOT SUGGESTED SEPARATE BILATERAL MEETINGS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE BECAUSE THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS IN EUROPE, MR. MOOSE WILL SEE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS AT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH, AND HE WILL SPEND ALL DAY TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, WITH THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT. ONE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, WOULD BE A MEETING WITH SEYDOU TRAORE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, WHO IS OUR TOP DAY-TO-DAY CONTACT. THE DISCUSSION COULD BE SQUEEZED IN MONDAY MORNING, JULY 31, BEFORE THE VISIT TO THE CENTRAL VETERINARY LABORATORY. NOTHING HAS BEEN SAID TO THE MALIANS. PLEASE LET US HAVE MR. MOOSE'S REACTION.
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